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to conditions beyond the producer's control or other conditions as may be prescribed by CCC, the handler and the producer or the producer's successor-in-interest may agree to a modification of the contract or to the substitution of another producer either under the original terms of the contract or under modified terms that do not change the original contract price and quantity. Conditions considered to be beyond the producer's control may include, but are not limited to, farm reconstitution in some cases (combinations and divisions), insolvency, bankruptcy, or death but do not include failure to produce the contracted amount from the planted acreage of peanuts due to natural disaster or related conditions or failure to plant sufficient acreage to produce the contracted quantity. Such modifications or transfers of contract obligations shall not be valid without the prior written approval of the Deputy Administrator. A transfer shall be approved only if the Deputy Administrator determines that such modifications or such transfer will not impair the effective operation of the peanut program.

(c) *County committee approval.* Contract modifications other than changes in producer, owner or operator, or changes permitted by this section, may not be approved by the county committee.

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§ 1446.405 Inspection of contract additional peanuts.

The type and quality of each lot of contract additional peanuts delivered under contract shall be determined by the Federal-State Inspection Service when such peanuts are delivered by a producer. To be valid, the inspection results shall be recorded on form FSA-1007 and signed by the inspector.

§ 1446.406 Commingled storage of contract additional peanuts.

(a) *Commingled storage.* A handler may commingle quota loan, quota commercial, additional loan, and contract additional peanuts during storage. In such case the peanuts must be inspected on a farmers stock basis before such peanuts are placed in storage.

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(b) *Accounting for commingled peanuts.* Contract additional peanuts in commingled storage shall be accounted for on a:

(1) Dollar value basis under physical supervision.

(2) TKC basis under nonphysical supervision.

§ 1446.407 Handler transfer of contract additional peanuts or transfer of disposition credit.

(a) *Liability and credit for export or crushing.* Except as permitted by this section, a handler shall not:

(1) Sell, assign or otherwise transfer liability for exporting or crushing contract additional peanuts to other handlers, or

(2) Sell, assign, or otherwise transfer credits for exporting or crushing contract additional peanuts to other handlers.

(b) *Transfer of farmers stock contract additional peanuts.* (1) A one-time transfer of farmers stock contract additional peanuts may be made between the entity shown as applicant 1 and the entity shown as applicant 2 on the form FSA-1007 for the peanuts.

(2) Such transfers shall be made within the same marketing area unless approved otherwise by the marketing association or the Deputy Administrator, and in accordance with instructions issued by CCC.

(3) Before the transfer may be approved, the receiving handler's letter of credit shall be amended by an amount that will cover the amount of peanuts transferred and the transferring handler must submit to the marketing association for approval, a form CCC-1006, covering any proposed transfer of farmers stock peanuts.

(4) Such approval must be obtained before any physical movement of the peanuts from the buying point.

(5) The transfer of peanuts as farmers stock peanuts after sale by the producer shall not be permitted unless approved in writing by CCC or the marketing association.

(c) *Transfer of peanuts for processing into products.* (1) Handlers may transfer contract additional peanuts and the liability for the export of contract additional peanuts to a processor of peanut products either as:

(i) Milled peanuts; or
 (ii) Farmers stock peanuts under the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section.

(2) Such transfer shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this part.

(d) *Transfer of export credit for peanuts which have been exported.* Credit for peanuts that have been exported under the provisions of this part will be given to the applicant shown on the form FV-184-9 for the lot of peanuts that has been exported. However, if a disclaimer to the credit for export is submitted with the applicable form FV-184-9, the export credit will be transferred to the person to whom the credit was assigned.

(e) *Transfer of credit for crushing.* Disposition credit earned for peanuts crushed in accordance with the provisions of this part and under the supervision of the marketing association may be assigned to another person if a disclaimer to the credit for crushing is submitted with the applicable form FV-184-9.

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§ 1446.408 Decreasing or drawing upon a letter of credit.

(a) *Decreasing the letter of credit to reflect TKC obligation.* Any existing irrevocable letter of credit that has been presented by a handler may be decreased after January 31 of the calendar year following the year in which the peanuts were produced, or such earlier date as may be authorized by the Deputy Administrator, State and County Operations, if the final TKC obligation determined for such handler, when converted to a farmers stock peanuts basis by dividing the TKC pounds by 0.795 for runner peanuts; 0.75 for Spanish peanuts; 0.735 for Virginia peanuts; or 0.77 for Valencia peanuts, is less than the amount that would be applicable for such handler and for such amount of farmers stock peanuts as determined in accordance with § 1446.403 of this part. The letter of credit may be decreased to the amount so determined.

(b) *Adjusting the letter of credit for acceptable proof of disposition.* The handler shall deliver to the marketing associa-

tion satisfactory evidence as described in this part, to verify that contract additional peanuts have been exported or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the provisions of this part. On January 31, of the calendar year following the year in which the peanuts were produced, and monthly thereafter of such following year, the marketing association shall permit a reduction of the letter of credit if the existing letter of credit exceeds 140 percent of the national average quota price support rate for the applicable crop times the farmers stock equivalent of the remaining TKC obligation as determined in the same manner as provided in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) *Drawing against the letter of credit.*

(1) If less than 16 days remain before the expiration of a handler's letter of credit, and upon authorization by CCC, the marketing association may draw against the letter of credit and apply the amount toward any penalty due for failure to properly dispose of, or account for, contract additional peanuts in accordance with this part if:

(i) By the final disposition date required in this part, a deficiency remained in the handler's obligation to crush or export contract additional peanuts;

(ii) By the date required in this part, the handler did not provide satisfactory documentary evidence of the full export of peanuts or peanut products; or

(iii) The handler has committed another violation of this part with respect to such peanuts.

(2) Any draw down against a letter of credit shall not compromise any penalty due CCC if the letter of credit is insufficient to cover the full amount of the penalty or prevent any re-determination of whether there has been a proper disposition of and/or accounting for peanuts.

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§ 1446.409 Access to facilities.

A handler, by entering into contracts to receive contract additional peanuts, or any person or firm otherwise receiving contract additional peanuts, shall be considered to have agreed that any